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**Re:** In connection with prosecution in Serial. No.  
09/845,080, please find enclosed an Amendment and **CC:**  
Response to the Office Action of October 24, 2002.

Sincerely,

David Bonham

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Naimark et al.  
Serial No.: 09/845,080  
Filed: April 27, 2001  
Title: MICROPARTICLE PROTECTION  
OF THERAPEUTIC AGENTS  
Art Unit: 1632  
Examiner: Dave Trong Nguyen  
Docket No.: 00-0238

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 24, 2002 in the above matter,  
please enter the following amendments and remarks.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please delete claims 6, 16 and 18-36 without prejudice or disclaimer.**

**Please amend claims 1, 2, 4, 7-12 and 17 as follows:**

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1. (Amended) A method of using polymer microparticles to protect pharmaceutical effectiveness of a pharmaceutically active agent comprising:
- providing a pharmaceutically acceptable suspension comprising a pharmaceutically active agent and polymer microparticles, wherein said pharmaceutically

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